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B/ With regard to the die mold, plate, belt, pad, or the like, it may be constructed of any material which can withstand vulcanization temperatures (i.e., between about 250°F and about 400°F) and pressures (i.e., between about 15 psi and 50 psi, generally). Thus, any metal may be utilized, such as steel, aluminum, titanium, and the like, certain plastics, such as Teflon®, for example, silicon molds, and the like. Also, as described in U.S. patent application serial no. 09/405,883, filed September 24, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,303,068 hereby incorporated by reference, different belting materials may be used such as fiberglass with a thickness of 20 – 60 mils, preferably 30 – 40 mils. Preferably, the die mold or plate is made of steel or aluminum, is generally square or rectangular in shape (although any shape may be utilized), may have rounded corners, and comprises holes throughout to ultimately form the desired protrusions. Such holes may be any shape, such as circular, polygonal, oval, elliptical, lobed, or the like, and preferably, such holes are substantially circular or rounded in shape (at the die surface) and cylindrical as well (i.e., circular on both surfaces with the same shape throughout the die from one surface to the other). Furthermore, such a die may also be utilized in an in-line process wherein there is no need to hand place the backing sheet over the die itself. Also, a die, plate, belt pad, or the like may be placed below the rubber to be vulcanized to form protrusion on the top and/or bottom of the mat. The preferred procedure is outlined more particularly below.

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FIG. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view illustration of the composite of platen, platen liner, conveyor belt, and floor mat as described in the above referenced U.S. Patent application serial number 09/405,883, now U.S. Patent No. 6,303,068.